

a relaxed length that is approximately as long as the pocket length; and

a connector, the connector being attached to the pocket at a location near the second end of the pocket, so that the elastic strap is adapted for extending around the cover to the second end of the pocket, retaining the pocket against the cover, and allowing the user to mark several locations with the ribbons.

2.(Original) A book-marking device according to claim 1 wherein said elastic strap is greater than the pocket length.

3.(Original) A book-marking device according to claim 1 wherein said elastic strap is shorter than the pocket length.

4.(Original) A book marking device according to claim 1 wherein said connector is a buckle adapted for engaging the elastic strap.

5.(Original) A book-marking device according to claim 1 wherein said pocket comprises a pair of sheets having an aperture extending between the first end and the second end.

6.(Original) A book-marking device according to claim 1 wherein said pocket includes a pair of apertures adapted for cooperating with a set of retaining rings from a ringed binder.

7. (Previously Amended) A book-marking device for marking a page location in a book and for carrying a variety of articles used while reading, the book-marking device being adapted for use with the book, the book having a cover of a cover length, the book-marking device comprising:

an elongated pocket having a first end, a second end, and a mid-section, the pocket being made from a pair of sheets that are of a pocket length, the pair of sheets having a pair of edges attached to one another to define the first end and the second end of the pocket length being adapted to extend approximately the cover length;

a plurality of ribbons attached to the pocket to allow the user to mark a plurality of locations with the ribbons;

an elastic strap, the elastic strap extending from the first end and terminating in a strap end; and

a connector, the connector being attached to the pocket and being adapted for retaining the strap end of the elastic strap against the pocket, so that the elastic strap is adapted for extending around the cover to the second end of the pocket, retaining the pocket against the cover and allowing the use of the plurality of ribbons to mark a plurality of locations in the book.

8. (Original) A book-marking device according to claim 17 wherein said pocket is made of a flexible, generally inelastic material.
9. (Canceled.)
10. (Original) A book-marking device according to claim 7 and further comprising a divider plate mounted within the pocket and extending between the first end and the second end of the pocket.
11. (Original) A book-marking device according to claim 7 and further comprising a sheet of impermeable material that is adapted for fitting within the pocket near the first end or the second end of the pocket, so that the sheet of impermeable material prevents seepage of fluids from within the pocket.
12. (Currently Amended) A system for marking a page location in a ringed binder or a book the ringed binder or book having a cover of a cover length, the system comprising:
- an elongated pocket having a first end, a second end, and a mid-section, the pocket being made from a pair of sheets that are of a pocket length, the pair of sheets having a pair of edges attached to one another to define the first end and the second end the pocket length being adapted to extend approximately the cover length;

an elastic strap, the elastic strap extending from the first end and terminating in a strap end, and being of a relaxed length that is approximately as long as the pocket length, the elastic strap end having a section of hook and loop material;

a plurality of ribbons attached to the pocket to allow the user to mark a plurality of locations with the ribbons;
and

~~An~~ an adjustable connector, the adjustable connector being attached to the pocket at a location near the second end of the pocket, the adjustable connector comprising an anchoring sheet of hook and loop material, the anchoring sheet of hook and loop material having an upper surface and a lower surface and at least two apertures that extend through the upper surface and the lower surface, so that the section of hook and loop material of the elastic strap cooperates with the adjustable connector by being adapted for extending through the one of the at least two apertures, to the lower surface and then up through the other of the at least two apertures to allow the section of hook and loop material on the elastic strap to engage the upper surface of the anchoring sheet.

13. (Original) A system according to claim 12 wherein said pocket is

made of a flexible, generally inelastic material.

14. (Original) A system according to claim 12 wherein said at least two apertures are positioned along an edge of the pocket.

15. (Original) A system according to claim 12 and further comprising a divider plate mounted within the pocket and extending between the first end and the second end of the pocket.

16. (Original) A system according to claim 15 and further comprising a sheet of impermeable material that is adapted for fitting within the pocket near the first end or the second end of the pocket, so that the sheet of impermeable material prevents seepage of fluids from within the pocket.